

The Clover Connection

Posey County 4-H

Happy Holidays!

November & December 2020

Dear 4-H Members & Supporters,

First of all, I want to welcome all new 4-H members! For those of you who are receiving this newsletter for the first time, please look it over carefully and contact me if you have any questions. There's a lot more to the 4-H program than first meets the eye, but please know that your 4-H Club Leaders and the Purdue Extension-Posey County staff are all here to help. 4-H has a steep learning curve that comes with anything new, so feel free to contact us if you have questions or need more information about any 4-H topic.

It's hard to believe another New Year is just around the corner! Hopefully we can get back to having a 4-H Achievement Banquet next fall, but this year we still want to celebrate our winners! Look for more information on that via emails from 4HOnline and our Facebook page!

4-H project updates will be shared in future newsletters, so be on the lookout for them. There are no new projects scheduled to be released for the coming 4-H year, but with the advent of 4HOnline V2, there are changes. Most notably, your information has moved to the new system, where you will log in there with your family account to enroll for the 20-21 program year by May 15 in order to participate in the 2021 Posey County Fair. You will also be required to submit your exhibits via Fair Entry by June 15. Failure to do either of these things will result in you being unable to participate.

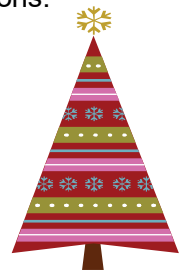
COVID-19 approved safety plans are still required for any in-person 4-H event. They must be submitted 3 weeks prior to the event date and are reviewed by me before heading to campus for approval.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, I need your help to recruit new 4-H members. Please invite a friend to join 4-H and don't forget to promote 4-H on your own and/or with your club members throughout the rest of the year. Contact me for details if you'd like to help spread the word about how fun 4-H can be!

As always, important information about many upcoming 4-H activities is enclosed. Please be sure to read carefully and feel free to contact your adult volunteer 4-H Club Leader or me if you have any questions.

Take care and enjoy the rest of this year,

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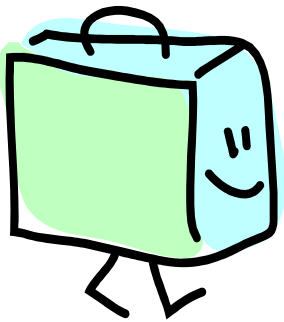
If you have a disability that requires assistance for participation in activities, please contact Purdue Extension-Posey County at (812) 838-1331. Purdue University is an equal access/equal opportunity institution.

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4-H Trip Application Info. (Grades 7-12)

Enclosed are the forms needed to apply for next year's 4-H Trips. Please choose the trip(s) you want to attend and complete the enclosed Trip Application. Selection is based on your 4-H record.

If you know you cannot attend a trip, please do not put it down as a choice. Again this year, due to the increasing cost of each trip, the 4-H Council is continuing its trip cancellation policy. If you have been selected as a delegate for a trip and cannot attend, you must inform the Extension Office by the specified date, or you will be held responsible for paying the trip fee.



If your trip application hasn't been received in the Extension Office by January 25, you will not be considered for a trip. Trip winners are announced at Share-the-Fun in the spring!

College Info for 4-H Families

NOW is the time to start thinking about yours or your child's college education. A new Indiana-specific, step-by-step resource on planning and paying for college is now available. Visit www.TripToCollege.org to find lots of helpful information regarding college as well as the financial resources to help pay for it!

Beef Project

Ear tagging will happen in early 2021! We'll send information to all 4-H'ers enrolled in last year's Beef project shortly after the New Year. **If you're going to be a first time Beef exhibitor, please contact the Extension Office immediately so that we can add you to our mailing list!**

4-H Club Financial Reports

In accordance with Indiana 4-H Policies & Procedures, all 4-H Clubs are required to file a Financial Report for the past year with the Extension Office by February 1. The form may be found in Club Leaders' green binders, at the Extension Office, or online at our website.

4-H Scholarships

4-H members planning to continue their education past high school next year should notify the Extension Office regarding scholarship applications. Many scholarships are for the Purdue Agriculture and Consumer & Family Sciences schools, but there are also scholarships available for any post high school studies. Except for the Posey County 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship application, all scholarship applications must be uploaded to 4HOnline by January 25. A good way to find Purdue scholarship information is to visit the **GOinAG** website, which can be found at:

<http://www.agriculture.purdue.edu/GOinAG/>

From this site, you can apply online for the School of Agriculture scholarships, as well as find out information about 4-H Scholarships. Once you are at this website, click on the "Academics" tab, then click on the "Scholarships" link. Feel free to contact the Extension Office if you need help with your search and good luck!



Twenty-First Century Scholars Program

It's never too early to start planning for college! The Twenty-First Century Scholars Program can help with that. If you are an Indiana seventh or eighth grader who qualifies for the program, you can get up to four years of free college tuition to attend an eligible private or public Indiana institution of higher learning. To qualify, you must:

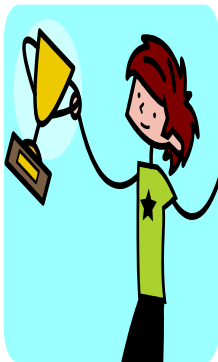
- Be an Indiana resident who is enrolled in the seventh or eighth grade at an accredited Indiana school.
- Fulfill the Twenty-First Century Scholars Pledge.
- Meet income eligibility requirements.

**2020-2021 Posey County 4-H
Jr. Leader Schedule
Available Upon Request!**

**All attendees must RSVP at least
one day prior to attending a
meeting, per the approved
COVID-19 safety plan.**

Open to all 7-12th grade 4-H'ers!
**Join Jr. Leaders to meet other 4-
H'ers, have fun & develop
leadership skills!**

Attention 4-H Livestock Auction Participants



Have you taken the time to send a thank-you note (or two?) to the sponsors of this year's 4-H Livestock Auction? Sponsors have generously contributed to our Posey County 4-H Youth Development Program by donating money this year in lieu of purchasing your animal(s); please let them

know how much we appreciate their support by writing a thank-you note to them! If you need sponsor addresses, please contact the Extension Office.

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Santa Needs Cookies!

Santa is coming to Mt. Vernon on the evening of Saturday, December 7, and the city is looking for cookie bakers again this year. They hope to have 1,000 cookies to share with the public while Santa's in town! WSI's Indoor Golf League building (110 Walnut Street in Mt. Vernon) will house Santa's cookies. Donated cookies can be delivered to the WSI Indoor Golf League building, 8 AM-3 PM on Friday, December 6, or Saturday, Dec 7, between 11 AM-1 PM. If you have questions about this event, please call Amber Thorn @ 812-270-1342. Thanks for considering this fun opportunity to serve our community!

Attention 4-H Camp Counselors!

We hope to hold 4-H Camp for 4-H'ers from Posey and Vanderburgh Counties next summer, and we need YOUR help as counselors to plan and organize for this event! The 4-H Camp Counselor Application must be completed and returned to the Extension Office by **February 15**. Counselors must be current high school 4-H youth, and forms may be obtained in person at the Extension Office, online at 4HOnline.com or by emailing Cheven at maycm@purdue.edu.



Say "Thanks!"

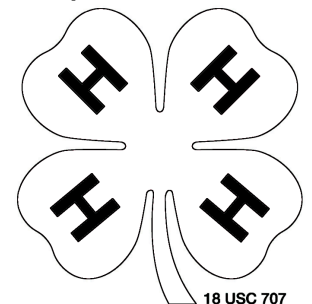
4-H'ers, PLEASE thank your 4-H Club Leaders for sharing their time and talents with you during this past year. Our volunteers are not paid to lead 4-H clubs; they lead because they like helping you learn and have fun through 4-H. Your "Thank you!" means you don't take them for granted and can brighten their day! ☺

2020-2021



PCCC= Posey County Community Center on the 4-H Fairgrounds

Nov. 5	4-H Council virtual business meeting (7 PM, Zoom)
Nov. 9	Extension Board Annual Meeting (6 PM, PCCC)
Nov. 11	Veterans' Day: Extension Office will be closed.
Nov. 26 & 27	Thanksgiving Day Observance: Extension Office is closed.
Dec. 3	4-H Council virtual business meeting (7 PM, Zoom)
Dec. 24 & 25	Christmas Holiday Observance: Extension Office is closed.
Jan. 7	4-H Council virtual business meeting (7 PM, Zoom)
Jan. 15	4-H Enrollment, Trip & Scholarship Application Deadline
Feb. 1	4-H Club Financial Reports Due to Extension Office
Feb. 4	4-H Council virtual business meeting (7 PM, Zoom)
Feb. 23	Annual 4-H Club Leader Meeting (TBA)
Mar. 4	4-H Council virtual business meeting (7 PM, Zoom)
Mar. TBA	4-H Club Officer Training
Apr. TBA	YQCA Animal Exhibitor Mandatory Training
Apr. 1	County & State Fair Beef Steer Entry Deadline
Apr. 1	4-H Council virtual business meeting (7 PM, Zoom)
May 6	4-H Council virtual business meeting (7 PM, Zoom)
May 15	4-H Enrollment & Animal ID Deadline
June 3	4-H Council virtual business meeting (7 PM, Zoom)
June TBA	4-H Verbal Communications contests <i>(formerly Public Speaking)</i>
July 18-24	Posey County 4-H Fair
July TBA	4-H Fashion Revue Judging & Style Show



4-H Spark Clubs: Volunteers Needed!

Want to help youth learn about something fun? Care to share your passion? Are you interested in helping more youth join our 4-H fun? Why not lead a 4-H spark club?! Clubs are similar to short-term workshops based on a specific interest of your choice and must meet for a minimum of 6 hours. Contact Cheven for more information at 812-838-1331 or maycm@purdue.edu.

Posey County 4-H Donations Deadline

If you would like to contribute financially to the coming year's Posey County 4-H Program, please review the letter that was included in the fall newsletter and keep in mind the December 31 deadline. Donations received after this date will not be listed in next year's 4-H Handbook but will instead be listed in the **2021** 4-H Handbook. Thank you for considering a donation to our 4-H youth development program, and thanks very much to everyone who has donated to the program in past years!

Club Projects

If your club plans on completing a club project next year, please let the Extension Office know ahead of time so that we can have plenty of project manuals ordered and materials prepared. Thanks in advance for this heads up!



Combat Winter Boredom!

Get a head start on your 4-H projects by stopping in at the Extension Office during your holiday break and obtaining project materials of your choosing.

This is also an excellent time to stop by and ask questions about a project or look over a project manual to see whether you might be interested in enrolling in that project.

If you decide to take project materials home with you, you must sign them out with the Extension Office and be sure to note which materials you already have on next year's enrollment form. That way you won't receive duplicate materials after you fill out your enrollment form! Please also let your Club Leader know you are starting on your projects early, so that they can help you keep track of your progress.

4-H members who take home project manuals and other materials but do not enroll to exhibit that project next year will need to pay for the materials or return them (unused) to the Extension Office by June 15.

Food Pantry Donations & Workers Needed

Check out the online version of the Mt. Vernon Food Pantry at www.mvfoodpantry.org. Needs of the community are updated regularly, and donations may be made online as well. There are also food pantries in New Harmony (219 Tavern Street or call 812-682-4077) and Wadesville at St. Peter's UCC on Highway 66 (call 812-985-3416). The New Harmony Food Pantry is currently seeking volunteers as well as donations to help on the third Thursday of each month.

Support Our Troops!

Support our troops the old-fashioned way- by sending them cards and letters this holiday season! Just contact the Extension Office or visit this website for more information, as there are important mailing regulations that must be followed due to the large amount of mail that this organization handles:

<http://amillionthanks.org>

Project Superintendents Needed

Do you have a special interest in a specific 4-H project? Would you like to help others learn about a certain 4-H project? If so, please consider applying to be a 4-H Project Superintendent. All applicants must be at least 18 years of age and complete an Indiana 4-H adult volunteer application, which can be obtained by contacting Cheven at the Extension Office. Thanks in advance for considering this opportunity help our 4-H youth learn by sharing your expertise!

RFID Ear Tag Cost

4-H Council will continue to offer RFID tags for sale at \$7.50 per tag, and youth members will continue to receive four tags free per exhibitor per year for the 4-H year (October-September, annually).

POSEY COUNTY 4-H TRIP APPLICATION

***DUE TO THE POSEY COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE BY 4 PM ON JANUARY 25.
LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!***

Name _____ Current Grade in School _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

From the list below, indicate which trip(s) you are interested in attending. Number them in order of preference, with the number "1" being your first choice. PLEASE BE CERTAIN YOU MEET THE REQUIREMENTS INDICATED ON THE TRIP LIST BEFORE APPLYING. If you're awarded a trip and find you can't attend after the registration deadline has passed, you/your guardian are responsible for reimbursing 4-H Council for any and all fees associated with the trip you won.

4-H Academy (June TBA)

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| ___ Animal Science- Animal Bio-science | ___ Electric |
| ___ Animal Science- Animal Health | ___ Engineering |
| ___ Animal Science- Animal Products | ___ Exploring Health Careers |
| ___ Animal Science- Food Animal 1
(Beef, Dairy, Goat & Sheep) | ___ Food Science & Nutrition |
| ___ Animal Science- Food Animal 2
(Poultry, Rabbit & Swine) | ___ Plant Science |
| ___ Animal Science- Horse & Companion
Animals | ___ Renewable Energy |
| ___ Citizenship- Start Local, Go Global | ___ Robotics |
| ___ Computer Science | ___ Science of Flight (Aerospace) |
| | ___ Show Me the Money |
| | ___ Spread the News |

___ 4-H Band Workshop (June TBA)

___ 4-H Chorus Workshop (June TBA)

___ 4-H Round-Up (June TBA)

___ Citizenship Washington Focus (TBA with bus leaving from the Indiana State Fairgrounds)

___ State Jr. Leader Conference (June TBA @ University of Indianapolis)

4-H Member Signature _____ **Date** _____

4-H Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

2021 4-H TRIP DESCRIPTIONS

4-H ACADEMY: ANIMAL SCIENCES

Who's eligible: 4-H youth in grades 9-12 of the current school year
Where: Purdue University
Your Cost: Snacks, souvenirs and lunch on your own Wednesday & Friday
Awarded: Meals, lodging, trip fee and transportation fee (bus provided)

Delegates will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until the specific workshop limit is reached. Each county may enroll a maximum of two delegates per category.

4-H ACADEMY: CITIZENSHIP- START LOCAL, GO GLOBAL

Who's eligible: 4-H youth in grades 9-12 of the current school year
Where: Purdue University
Your Cost: Snacks, souvenirs and lunch on your own Wednesday & Friday
Awarded: Meals, lodging, trip fee and transportation fee (bus provided)

This workshop is focused on citizenship topics of interest to high school students. Held in conjunction with 4-H Academy @ Purdue, this workshop provides students with a chance to better understand their local, county, and state government officials' roles and responsibilities. Students will identify a topic of local interest, research the topic, and prepare a proposal to present to a panel of government officials. A tour of county government facilities is included. Students will also learn about cultural diversity, international relations and related opportunities.

4-H ACADEMY: COMPUTER SCIENCE

Who's eligible: 4-H youth in grades 9-12 of the current school year
Where: Purdue University
Your Cost: Snacks, souvenirs and lunch on your own Wednesday & Friday
Awarded: Meals, lodging, trip fee and transportation fee (bus provided)

This workshop will expose youth to new and emerging trends in the computer science industry. Workshop topics might include using the World Wide Web, designing a home page for the Web, learning and using Flash, designing and programming an interactive multimedia program, and using specific software package such as word processors, spreadsheets, databases, multimedia authoring packages, etc.

4-H ACADEMY: ELECTRIC

Who's eligible: 4-H youth in grades 9-12 of the current school year
Where: Purdue University
Your Cost: Snacks, souvenirs and lunch on your own Wednesday & Friday
Awarded: Meals, lodging, trip fee and transportation fee (bus provided)

This workshop is designed to provide youth with an opportunity to explore, through hands-on learning experiences, the principles associated with electric and electronic construction. You will be able to build and learn about electronic circuits, discover energy conservation and the systems that control energy, and explore writing code for microprocessors. There will be many different activities, and workshop registration will be limited to the first 40 reservations.

2021 4-H TRIP DESCRIPTIONS

4-H ACADEMY: ENGINEERING SCIENCES

Who's eligible: 4-H youth in grades 9-12 of the current school year
Where: Purdue University
Your Cost: Snacks, souvenirs and lunch on your own Wednesday & Friday
Awarded: Meals, lodging, trip fee and transportation fee (bus provided)

Ever wonder what engineers do? This workshop will shed some light on this question. You will learn how robots operate, what makes a good fuel for internal combustion engines, how computers draw without pencils, and how to select the best vegetable/fruit variety for mechanical harvesting, among other things.

4-H ACADEMY: EXPLORING HEALTH CAREERS

Who's eligible: 4-H youth in grades 9-12 of the current school year
Where: Purdue University
Your Cost: Snacks, souvenirs and lunch on your own Wednesday & Friday
Awarded: Meals, lodging, trip fee and transportation fee (bus provided)

Are you interested in this rapidly expanding industry but not quite sure where you fit in? Then this workshop is where you should be. You will have an opportunity to: get acquainted with faculty members, university departments and the Purdue campus; have fun participating in leisure activities and meeting new friends; share what you learn with other youth.

4-H ACADEMY: FOOD SCIENCE AND NUTRITION

Who's eligible: 4-H youth in grades 9-12 of the current school year
Where: Purdue University
Your Cost: Snacks, souvenirs and lunch on your own Wednesday & Friday
Awarded: Meals, lodging, trip fee and transportation fee (bus provided)

Are you interested in foods, science and being part of an exciting and rapidly expanding industry but are not quite sure where you fit in? Then the Food Science and Nutrition Workshop is for you. You'll learn about: the scientific principles related to food science and nutrition through hands-on experiences in laboratories; the actual operation of a food processing plant; and career opportunities in the fields and the educational programs available at Purdue.

4-H ACADEMY: PLANT SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Who's eligible: 4-H youth in grades 9-12 of the current school year
Where: Purdue University
Your Cost: Snacks, souvenirs and lunch on your own Wednesday & Friday
Awarded: Meals, lodging, trip fee and transportation fee (bus provided)

This is a workshop designed: to train 4-H members to return to their county and serve as trainers or assist with county project workshops; to teach cutting edge aspects of these sciences to youth; to experience a wide array of information on these sciences; to acquaint 4-H members and other youth with individuals and departments at Purdue University; and to inform youth about careers in agriculture and educational opportunities at Purdue University.

2021 4-H TRIP DESCRIPTIONS

4-H ACADEMY: RENEWABLE ENERGY

Who's eligible: 4-H youth in grades 9-12 of the current school year
Where: Purdue University
Your Cost: Snacks, souvenirs and lunch on your own Wednesday & Friday
Awarded: Meals, lodging, trip fee and transportation fee (bus provided)

This hands-on workshop allows youth experience with cutting edge renewable energy technologies like biofuel and wind turbine experimentation with exciting field trips to renewable energy destinations.

4-H ACADEMY: ROBOTICS

Who's eligible: 4-H youth in grades 9-12 of the current school year
Where: Purdue University
Your Cost: Snacks, souvenirs and lunch on your own Wednesday & Friday
Awarded: Meals, lodging, trip fee and transportation fee (bus provided)

This workshop will expose youth to new and emerging trends in robotics.

4-H ACADEMY: SCIENCE OF FLIGHT (AEROSPACE)

Who's eligible: 4-H youth in grades 9-12 of the current school year
Where: Purdue University
Your Cost: Snacks, souvenirs and lunch on your own Wednesday & Friday
Awarded: Meals, lodging, trip fee and transportation fee (bus provided)

This trip offers youth the opportunity to study: principals of flight, mechanics in space, aerospace careers, construction skills (build a model rocket and/or a model airplane), and airplane flight.

4-H ACADEMY: SHOW ME THE MONEY

Who's eligible: 4-H youth in grades 9-12 of the current school year
Where: Purdue University
Your Cost: Snacks, souvenirs and lunch on your own Wednesday & Friday
Awarded: Meals, lodging, trip fee and transportation fee (bus provided)

Learn the essentials of financial management from the best network of financial education professionals in the state. Experience a full day of *Reality Store*® adventures at actual vendor locations in Lafayette and come away with new tools and instructions on how to make your financial goals become less of a dream and more of a reality!

STATE 4-H JUNIOR LEADER CONFERENCE

Who's eligible: 4-H Junior Leaders in grades 9-12 of the current school year
Where: University of Indianapolis
Your Cost: Nominal (souvenir picture available) and transportation to/from U. of Indy
Awarded: Trip fee

This program focuses on developing leadership, understanding of group dynamics, and an awareness of self and others. It's carried out with the guidance of elected Junior Leader Council members.

2021 4-H TRIP DESCRIPTIONS

4-H ACADEMY: SPREAD THE NEWS

Who's eligible: 4-H youth in grades 9-12 of the current school year
Where: Purdue University
Your Cost: Snacks, souvenirs and lunch on your own Wednesday & Friday
Awarded: Meals, lodging, trip fee and transportation fee (bus provided)

Do you like to be the first to share important news with others? Do you like to be creative and write, draw or take photos? Are you interested in a career in communication or journalism? If so, this workshop is for you. Participants will use computers and cameras to develop news stories and photos for print and social media while exploring the vast array of careers for professional communicators.

4-H BAND AND CHORUS WORKSHOPS

Who's eligible: Any youth in grades 9-12 of the current school year
Where: Purdue University
Your Cost: Transportation to and from Purdue and meals
Awarded: Trip fee

Participants are chosen through a written application. Selection by 4-H State Chorus Director.

4-H ROUND-UP

Who's eligible: Any youth in grades 7-9 of the current school year
Where: Purdue University
Your Cost: Meals
Awarded: Trip fee and transportation fee (bus provided)

Round-Up delegates experience in-depth "action learning" in specific interest areas; develop leadership abilities and stimulate individual growth; and learn about educational opportunities.

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

Who's eligible: 4-H youth ages 15 and older
Where: Washington D.C. (stay at National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland)
Your Cost: Souvenirs and meals in route (approx. \$100.00 out-of-pocket expenses) and transportation to and from Indianapolis (bus provided at the State Fairgrounds)
Awarded: Meals, lodging, trip fee and transportation fee (bus provided)

YOU CANNOT ATTEND THIS TRIP MORE THAN ONCE. An exciting experience for 4-H members and other youth of senior high school age to go to the nation's capital and learn more about the meaning of citizenship. The trip to Washington, D.C., will be made by Purdue charter bus. Attendees will acquire increased motivation and skills for dealing with contemporary social issues and for taking leadership in community development and government affairs when they return home.

4-H Expansion & Review Committee to Meet

One of the strengths of all 4-H programs is that they are inclusive – our doors are open to all youth in grades 3-12, regardless of any defining characteristics. One way to ensure that there is equal access to local 4-H youth development programming is through an active Expansion & Review Committee.

An Expansion & Review Committee is vital to Posey County 4-H. This group's roles are to advocate for underserved and underrepresented groups, brainstorm ways to promote 4-H activities, and in general think of ways to reach new youth audiences. In serving on this committee, you will have the opportunity to enhance the lives of our local youth.

Both youth and adults are welcome to join this committee, and previous 4-H involvement is not required. The group will meet at least annually, and our first meeting of the coming year will be held on January 7, 2021, 6:00-7:00 PM via Zoom. Please email Cheven at maycm@purdue.edu to request an invitation. Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access institution.